

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Climate Change Mitigation Easement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency To Complete The Ulster County Municipal Compost Expansion Project**

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro)

Chairman of the Energy and Environment Committee, Richard A. Parete, and Deputy Chairman Tracey A. Bartels offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of the Environment; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County was awarded grant funding through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities to expand and improve municipal composting in Ulster County and specifically at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (hereinafter “UCRRA”) facility; and

WHEREAS, this project provides for the expansion and improvement of the compost facility at UCCRA including such items as the purchase and installation of a bagging machine to increase the marketability of finished compost product, purchase and distribution of compost bins for commercial customers and other improvements such as increasing the capacity of the facility, identification and mapping of food service operations and institutional generators within the UCCRA service area, and establishing a pilot organics recovery program at a County facility; and

WHEREAS, authorized by Resolution No. 162 of 2017, Ulster County has executed a contract with NYS to accept grant funding from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (hereinafter “DEC”); and

WHEREAS, to complete the project and fulfill the grant agreement with New York State DEC, pursuant to Title 15 of the Environmental Protection Fund, a ten year climate change mitigation easement is required to be executed between Ulster County and the UCRRA; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the Climate Change Mitigation Easement, and any amendments thereto, with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency fulfilling the County’s executed New York State DEC Climate Smart Communities Program grant agreement,

